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SUBJECT: NIGERIA'S REQUEST FOR FEEDGRAINS

REF: (A) STATE 170283 (NOTAL), (B) LAGOS 8069

1. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE HAS RELAYED GIST REF A TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PERMANENT SECRETARY AND DEPUTY PERMSEC AND BRIEFED THEM ON COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION (CCC) OPERATIONS, LEAVING COPY OF GENERAL SALES MANAGER GUIDE. THE NIGERIAN OFFICIALS AGAIN SAID THEY REALIZE NIGERIA NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PL-480 AND STATED THEY INTEND BUY 50,000 TONS CORN THROUGH CCC. AFTER STUDYING PROCEDURES THEY WILL INSTRUCT NIGERIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON OR MAKE FORMAL REQUEST THROUGH EMBASSY. ACTUAL PURCHASING AND HANDLING WOULD BE DONE BY NEWLY-FORMED NATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRAIN MARKETING BOARD, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WHICH IS PART OF MINISTRY OF COOPERATIVES.

2. AGATT, WHO NOW ON LEAVE, ALSO REPORTED THAT AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS ABOVE STILL INTERESTED IN CONCESSIONS OF SOME SORT, EVEN IF ONLY SYMBOLIC. AS FAR AS EMBASSY CAN DISCERN, USG HAS FLEIBILITY IN ONLY TWO AREAS:

- (1) USDA GUIDANCE TO NIGERIANS ON HOW TO GAIN BEST TERMS IN  
FEEDGRAIN MARKET AND
- (2) CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS.

USG GESTURES IN THESE AREAS DESIRABLE ON POLITICAL GROUNDS AND  
CAN BE JUSTIFIED ON COMMERCIAL GROUND THAT NIGERIA IS NEW AND  
POTENTIALLY LARGE CUSTOMER. SEEMS UNLIKELY NIGERIA CAN ATTAIN  
FEEDGRAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY 1979, HENCE THERE COULD BE MORE  
FEEDGRAIN SALES. THERE MAY ALSO BE COMPETITION IN THAT WE  
UNDERSTAND NIGERIANS HAVE ALSO APPROACHED ARGENTINA ABOUT FEED-  
GRAINS.

3. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THE EXISTING DOLS 8 MILLION CCC  
CREDIT FOR NIGERIA MENTIONED PARA ONE REF A. BELIEVE THIS WAS  
OPENED FOR CHIEF ASBAMU, PRIVATE AGRIBUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR,  
WHO, AS INDICATED TOFAS (LAGOS 8410), IS NOW OR SHORTLY WILL  
BE IN WASHINGTON TO INFORM GENERAL SALES MANAGER WHETHER  
HE WILL USE CREDIT BEFORE IT EXPIRES AUGUST 31. IF ASBAMU AGREE-  
ABLE AND IF IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO USE PART OR ALL THIS  
CREDIT FOR MINISTRY'S FEEDGRAIN PURCHASE THIS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED. AGATT BELIEVES THAT NEW CREDIT WOULD BE MORE  
EXPENSIVE THAN EXISTING CREDIT; THEREFORE EXTENSION OF EXISTING  
TERMS TO MINISTRY CAN BE CONSIDERED A CONCESSION OF THE  
TYPE MINISTRY SEEKS.

4. SOME USG GESTURE GIVING NIGERIANS SLIGHTLY BETTER DEAL THAN  
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THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE GOTTEN WOULD BE IN US POLITICAL AND  
COMMERCIAL INTEREST. PLEASE ADVISE POSSIBILITIES.  
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